

Geneva Steel will remain open

But up to 450 jobs may be sacrificed to keep plant in operation

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OREM — U.S. Steel has no plans to discontinue production at its Geneva Works Plant and will take whatever steps necessary to ensure the plant's competitiveness — including laying off steelworkers.

That dictate, according to Dennis Holdaway, president of United Steelworkers Local 2701, means as many as 450 steelworkers could lose their jobs by the end of the summer. In meetings last week with plant management, Holdaway said, "They told us they wanted us to give up 450 jobs by Aug. 1. These will be permanent jobs, not just people."

Although specifics of the move are yet to be finalized, Holdaway said, jobs will be combined to compensate for those lost through layoffs. He said the company may also move to spend less money on operating costs by hiring non-union employees. In addition, he said there will also be work-rule changes — also designed to make the plant more competitive.

John Bollow, public affairs manager for the U.S. Steel mountain states area, declined to elaborate on when and

how many jobs could be lost through Geneva's continuing competitive efforts. But he said plant officials were meeting with union officials to "achieve mutually satisfactory agreements on measures to improve productivity."

"I really can't talk about the specifics of the discussions," said Bollow. "(But) these talks deal with local working practices. This move to further improve productivity and efficiency is part of a continuing effort that has gone forward over the past two or three years to strengthen the competitive position of U.S. Steel western operations in the highly competitive western steel market."

If Geneva is to continue operating, Bollow said, the plant must meet competition, regardless of whether that competition is domestic or foreign. Recent plant concerns have centered on unfairly priced foreign steel imports that have flooded the western market as well as tentative plans to reopen this fall the Kaiser Steel Plant near Los Angeles — one of Geneva's major competitors before its closure last fall.

If Kaiser buys its steel slabs from Brazil and hires non-union steelworkers to run its rolling mill once production resumes, Geneva could once again face stiff competition.

But according to Warren Bartel, Geneva-Pittsburgh (Cal-

ifornia) general manager, Geneva plans to be ready to meet that competition.

"We know that the market could change dramatically for us in the fourth quarter if the foreigners come back strong and Kaiser's start-up take place as announced," he said in a recent memo to plant employees. "I can assure you as general manager that if that does happen, we're going to be ready. Geneva-Pittsburgh wasn't on the shutdown list in 1983 and 1984; we're aggressively taking steps now to avoid being on any future list."

According to members of the Coalition to Save Geneva and American Jobs, the only way the plant can hope to maintain operations is to remain competitive. Coalition members met Tuesday to discuss the the news of the possible layoffs.

"I still feel good about Geneva and I think everything's going to be OK," said Linda Chapman, coalition chairwoman. "Nothing's really been decided at all; they're still just talking."

She said the coalition will continue its efforts to get the Fair Trade in Steel Act through the House and the Senate and "will keep doing what we can to help the plant."

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He was born May 9, 1894 in Burr-
ville, Sevier County, the son of Henry
Uriah and Julia Beal Burr. He mar-
ried Jennie Mae Newell, Sept. 26,
1917 in the Salt Lake LDS Temple.
She died April 28, 1963.

He was raised in Burrville, then
moved to the "Provo Bench" with his
family when he was 12 years old. He
resided in Orem since that time and
until his death.

He was a fruit farmer. He owned
his own truck from which he peddled
his fruit and hauled coal from Price
in the winter time. He constructed
his own home, then subdivided and
built most of the homes in the area
where he resided.

He was active as a high priest in
The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-
day Saints. He resided in the Orem
LDS 71st Ward. He served in a bish-
opric, as an elders quorum president,
as president of the Young Men's pro-
gram, in temple work and other
church positions. He did genealogy.

He is survived by three sons: Ju-
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neth E. Burr, Layton; Jesse A. Burr,
Selma, Ore.; 20 grandchildren; 54
great-grandchildren; two great-
great-grandchildren; one brother
and two sisters: L.R. Burr, Ephraim;
Nellie B. Bullock, Orem; Lillie Park,
Provo. He was preceded in death by

each jum currently playing, see Hicks "On the
Screen" column in each Friday's Weekend
section.

For your convenience, each movie listed below
also carries Hicks' star rating. The key to his
evaluations are: ★★★★★ — excellent; ★★★ —
good; ★★ — fair; ★ — poor; and TURKEY.

The guide to the content rating assigned by the
Classification and Rating Administration of the
Motion Picture Association of America is: G —
general audiences; PG — parental guidance;
and R — restricted, no one under 17 admitted
without an adult.

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Uinta, 25 E. Center St., 373-7410. "Splash,"
★★★, rated PG (nudity, sex, profanity, vulgarity), 5,
7:15 and 9:30 p.m.

Paramount, 61 E. Center, 373-4145. "Chatta-
nooga Choo Choo," rated PG (profanity, sex), 5:15, 7:15
and 9:15 p.m.

Fox, 233 W. 1230 North. "Indiana Jones and the
Temple of Doom," ★★★★★, rated PG (violence, pro-
fanity), 10 a.m., 12:30, 3, 5:15, 7:45 and 10 p.m.

Academy, 56 N. University Ave. "Foot-
loose," ★★★★★, rated PG (profanity, nudity, violence),
2, 4:30, 7 and 9:30 p.m.

Academy Square, 555 N. First East, 374-
0221. "Charly," a stage play, through the month of
May, 8 p.m.

Central Square, 175 N. Second West, 374-
0001. "The Natural," ★★★★★, rated PG (profanity)

9:15 p.m.; "Romancing the Stone," ★★★★★, rated PG
(violence, sex, nudity, profanity), 7 and 9:30 p.m.

Timp Drive-In, 156 N. State, 225-1740. "Mak-
ing the Grade," TURKEY (no stars), rated R (sex,
nudity, profanity, vulgarity), 9 p.m.; and "Chattanooga
Choo Choo," rated PG (profanity, sex), 9:15 p.m.

Carillon Square, 309 E. 13th South, 224-
5112. "Terms of Endearment," ★★★★★, rated PG
(sex, profanity, vulgarity), 4:45 and 9:30 p.m.; "The
Bounty," ★★★★★, rated PG (violence, nudity, sex,
profanity), 1:30, 4:15, 7 and 9:45 p.m.; "Phar Lap,"
★★★★½ rated PG (profanity), 2, 4:30, 7:15 and 9:45
p.m.; "Greystoke: The Legend of Tarzan, Lord of the
Apes," ★★★★★½, rated PG (violence, nudity, sex), 4:15
and 9:15 p.m.; "The Big Chill," ★★★★★½, rated R (sex,
nudity, profanity), 2:45 and 7:30 p.m.; "Moscow on the
Hudson," ★★★★★½, rated R (sex, nudity, profanity), 2
and 7 p.m.

Scera, 745 S. State, 225-2560. "Dr. Zhivago,"
★★★★, rated PG, Tuesday, 7:30 p.m. "Camelot,"
rated PG, Wednesday, 7:30 p.m. "Yentl," ★★★★★,
rated PG, Thursday, 7:30 p.m.

Springville

Art City Drive-In, "Weekend Pass," TUR-
KEY (no stars), rated R (sex, nudity, profanity, vul-
garity), "Pieces," TURKEY (no stars), rated R (vio-
lence, sex, nudity, profanity), 9:15 p.m.

Villa Theater, "Unfaithfully Yours," ★★★★★,
rated PG (sex, nudity, profanity, violence), 7 and 9
p.m.

American Fork

U.S. Steel Promotes Three to Management Team

Three management appointments in the Quality Assurance Department at U. S. Steel's Geneva Plant have been announced by J. R. Gibson, manager of Quality Assurance, Geneva-Pittsburg Works.

Larry B. Fordham of Orem was named general supervisor of metallurgy, steel products, Linn J. Tucker of Pleasant Grove was promoted to supervisor of Rolling Mills inspection, and Alan E.

Backman of Sandy was appointed to product metallurgist for the Open Hearth.

Fordham began his U. S. Steel career in 1964 as a test release clerk in the Quality Assurance Department at the Geneva Plant. He held various positions in the department until 1976 when he was promoted to the management position of product metallurgist for the 40-inch Rolling Mill. One year later, he moved to turn

foreman of the 45-inch Mill in the Rolling Mills Division. In 1983, he returned to the Quality Assurance Department as supervisor of Rolling Mills inspection, the position he held at the time of his current appointment. He studied accounting and management at Steven's Henager Business College and La-

Salle Correspondence School, as well as majoring in manufacturing engineering at Brigham Young University.

Tucker started his steelmaking career in 1978 as a summer student assigned to the Quality Assurance Department at the Geneva Plant. One year later, he became a management associate and, in 1980, he was promoted to

product metallurgist of semi-finished products. Prior to his recent appointment, he was named supervisor of metallurgical labs in 1983. He holds a B.S. degree in metallurgical engineering from

the University of Utah.

Backman joined the Geneva steelmaking team in 1982 as a management associate assigned to the Quality Assurance Department. In 1983, he was promoted to the management position of process metallurgist for the Foundry. He held this position at the time of his recent appointment. He earned his B.S. degree in materials science and engineering from the University of Utah.

Three Promoted to Geneva Blast Furnaces Management

Three management appointments in the Blast Furnaces Department of the Primary Division at U. S. Steel's Geneva Plant have been announced by T. W. Goettge, division superintendent.

Walter A. Ewell of Lindon was named general foreman of production, James E. McClure of Payson was appointed general turn foreman of production and

Dale C. Cox of Orem was promoted to turn foreman of the sinter plant and ore bedding.

Ewell began his U. S. Steel career in 1948 at the Blast Furnaces Department of the Geneva Plant. He held various hourly positions there until 1973 when he was promoted to the management position of stovetender. In 1976,

he received three promotions; moving first to turn foreman of the pig machine and ladle house, then to blower "B," and later to blower "A". Prior to his recent appointment, he was named turn foreman of furnaces in 1980.

McClure started his steelmaking career as a laborer in the Blast Furnaces Department in

1973 at the Geneva Plant. He held several hourly positions there and in 1976, he was promoted to the management position of turn foreman of the pig machine and ladle house. In 1977, he was named to blower "B" and in 1980, he was appointed turn foreman of the furnaces the position he held at the time of this recent appointment.

Cox joined the Geneva steel-making team in 1976 as a laborer in the Blast Furnaces Department. He held various hourly positions there and in 1980, he was named to the management position of turn foreman of the hiline. He held this position at the time of his recent appointment. He studied sociology and engineering at the University of Utah.

Orem Library Program Encourages Year-Round R

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"Have you played the game before?" Well, it's simple. Go directly to the Orem Library, — N. State Street. Go downstairs and to your right. Ask for more information about the Shared Reading Program. You will receive a contract, fill it out and begin. Anyone can do it. A parent and a child, two responsible children, two adults, etc. Children 12 years and under receive a voucher for a free dinner at Village Inn when they sign up. You are the one who decides what you want to read and how long you want your program to last — there's no limit.

The first person agrees to read a certain number of books by a certain day and to discuss each book with the second person. The

second person also agrees to discuss each book with the reader and provide incentive for reading by offering any prize for finishing ... even a special privilege. Parents may set limitations for the children to help them learn there is more to books than fiction.

Pre-schoolers can be involved, too. Parents and children decide how many books they want, then the parent reads to the child. Library workers encourage and help only when needed; they do not interfere in your contract.

At the end of your program, take your contract back and tell the Library workers you have accomplished your goal. They will present you with a beautiful certificate with your name on it, and you will be personally congratulated.

The Shared Reading Program was started in the summer of 1979

with 500 children. Richard Beeson, the library director, came up with the idea after deciding the present summer reading program was too competitive and did not produce people who wanted and loved to read.

Parental and peer support for athletic and other group programs seems adequate on the whole. Little League draws a crowd of cheering supporters. Tournaments are covered, with photos, in local papers. Athletics are good. They prepare people with lifelong skills which can lead to physical fitness and a fuller life, but too often the individual intellectual efforts of the good reader go not only without reward but are shared, if at all, by peers and parents in a distant and perfunctory fashion. It would not be difficult to find a parent who shared two hours a week with a

little leaguer, but only rarely does a parent share half that weekly time with a reader.

The program is a success with 15,010 involved. Most are still only reading in the summer but the year round program has started catching on.

Any person holding an Orem Library card may join in the program. Those with a current Provo Library card may bring it in and have a small sticker put in the corner, thus becoming eligible. Residents from other cities need to pay a small membership fee first.

The library receives no money for the program. "We would like to see every family have reading as a common interest," said Carol Oaks, the Childrens Librarian, they'll remember this the rest of their lives."

Children or adults who don't like to read or have trouble reading may be able to overcome those things with this program which lets you decide on the books you read. Easy or hard, skinny books or fat ones, you can decide. If you don't have the slightest idea of how to start; talk to the librarian and she'll help show you the books that would best suit you.

Children who are just beginners are sometimes pushed and pressured to read. "Read a lot of books aloud to them," Oaks encourages. "When you read to them aloud they don't have to strain over words ... What does that mean, What does that mean." Reading can come naturally ... because it's fun."

The program is a year round program to help people in general

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